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1.   (previously presented) A method for providing audio in an audio/video network, comprising:

providing an audio signal and a video signal to a first device in the audio/video network;

decoding high definition audio and standard definition audio in the first device; and

decoding at least a high definition portion of said video signal in a second device.

2. (original)   A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited in Claim 1, wherein providing an audio signal and a video signal to a first device in the audio/video network comprises:

processing said audio signal in said first device; and

delivering said video signal from said first device to said second device.

3. (original)   A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited in Claim 2, wherein processing said audio signal in said first device comprises decoding said audio signal in said first device.

4. (original)   A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited in Claim 3, wherein said method further comprises storing a decoded audio signal in a first buffer in said first device.

5.   (previously presented) A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited in Claim 4, wherein said first device is selected from the group consisting of a set top box, an audio/video receiver.

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6. (original)   A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited in Claim 2,

wherein delivering said video signal from said first device to said second device comprises utilizing at least

one means for connecting said first device to said second device selected from the group consisting of a USB

protocol, an *IEEE 1394* protocol, a RS-232C protocol, a wireless format, DVI, DMI, Cat. 5, telephone line,

power line, and an IrDA protocol.

7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented)   A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited

in Claim 1, wherein said method further comprises storing a decoded video signal in a second buffer in said

second device.

9. (original)   A method for providing audio in an audio/video network as recited in Claim 8,

wherein said method further comprises synchronizing an output of a first buffer with an output of said second

buffer.

10.   (previously presented) An audio/video network comprising:

a first device configured to decode an audio signal in standard definition and high definition

format; and

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a second device configured to decode a video signal in high definition format, said first device

in electrical communication with said second device to receive decoded audio and encoded video

therefrom.

11. (original)   An audio/video network as recited in Claim 10, wherein said first device includes a

first decoder configured to decode said audio signal.

12. (original)   An audio/video network as recited in Claim 11, wherein said first device further

includes a first buffer configured to store a decoded audio signal.

13. (original)   An audio/video network as recited in Claim 10, wherein said second device includes

a second decoder configured to decode said video signal.

14. (original)   An audio/video network as recited in Claim 13, wherein said second device further

includes a second buffer configured to store a decoded video signal.

15. (original)   An audio/video network as recited in Claim 14, further comprising at least one

synchronization circuit in electrical communication with a first buffer and said second buffer.

16.   (previously presented)   An audio/video network as recited in Claims 15, wherein at least one

means for electrical communication between said first device and said second device selected from the group

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consisting of a USB protocol, an *IEEE 1394* protocol, a RS-232C protocol, a wireless format, DVI, DMI, Cat.
5, telephone line, power line, and an IrDA protocol.

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